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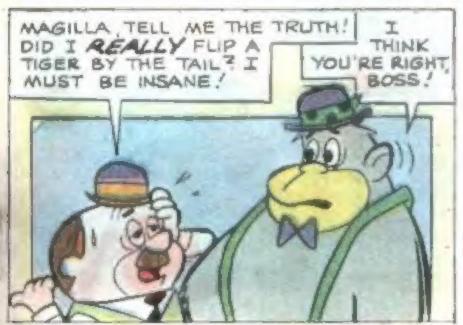














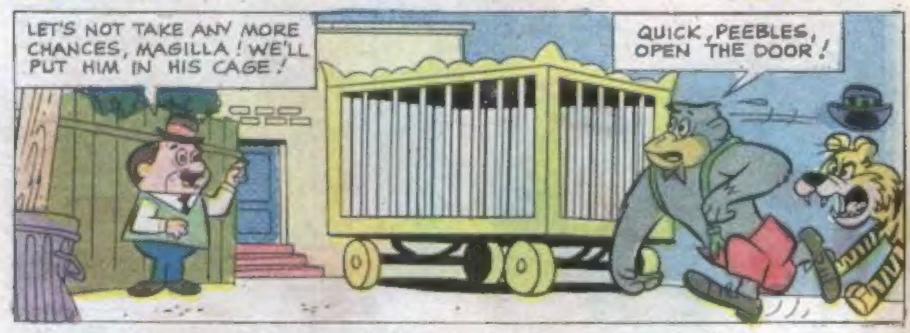




































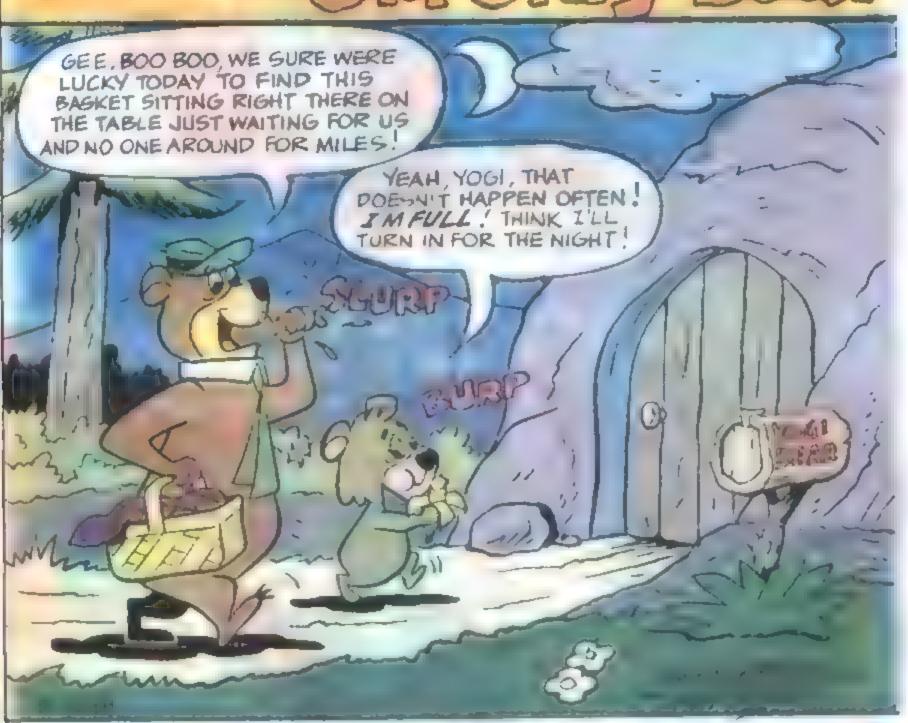








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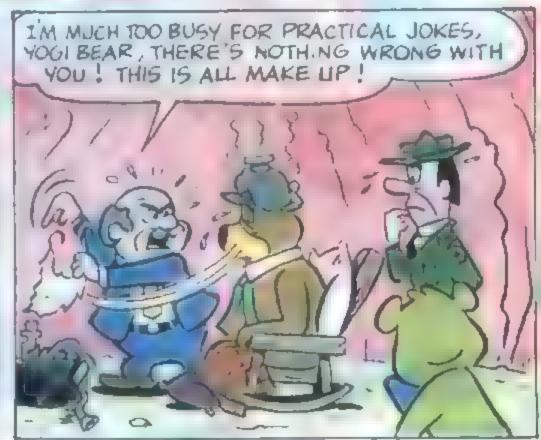


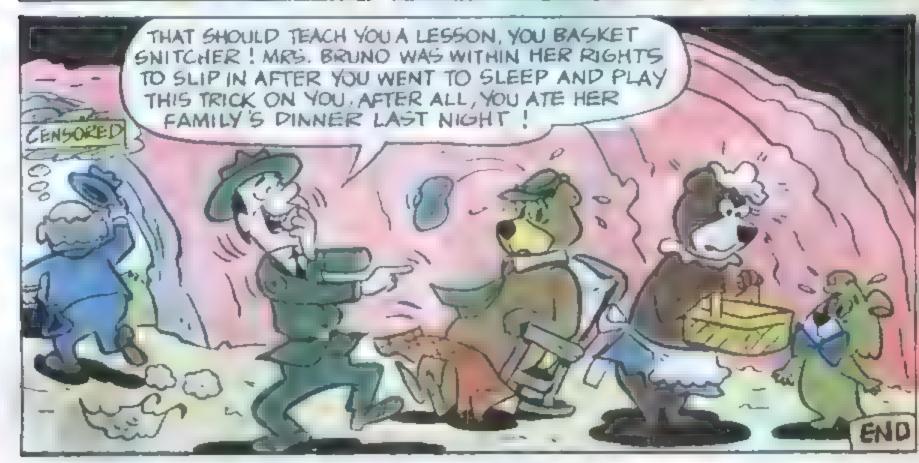








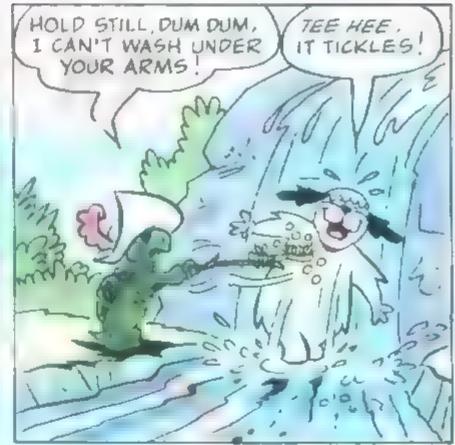




















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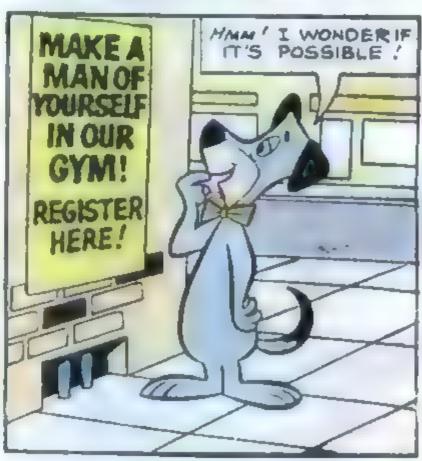


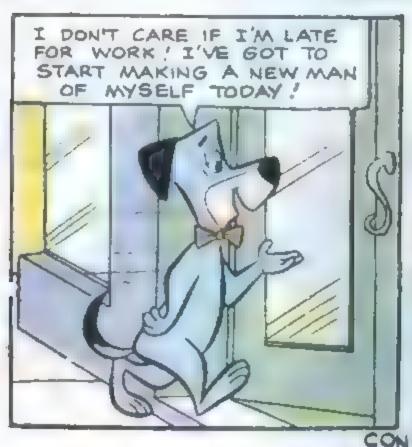


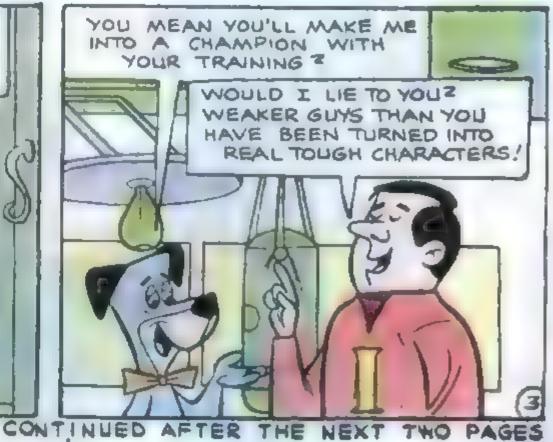


















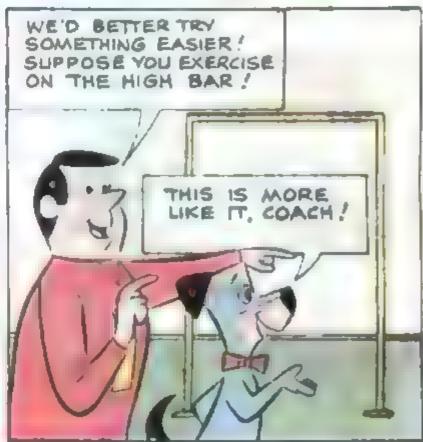














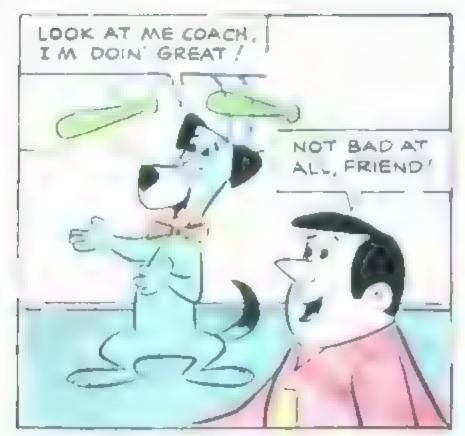


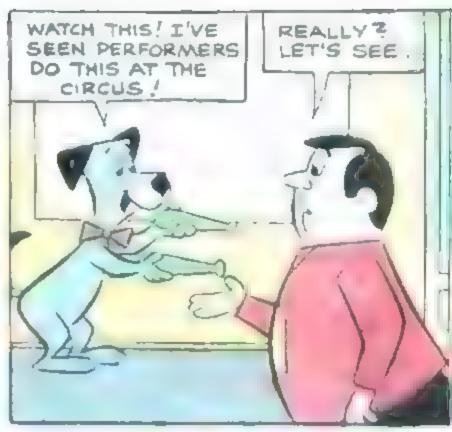
















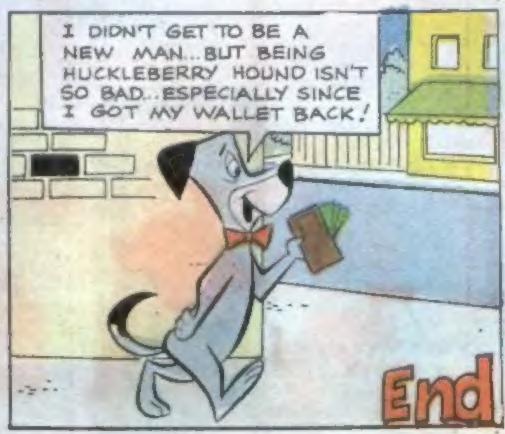














For more than thirty years I have taught those darling little children in the grade schools. It has been necessary for me to give them examinations on what they should have studied and should have learned. Sometimes the examination is written. Other times it is oral. I also have to ask them questions about what they are doing. One thing is certain. If the teacher is not clear in pronouncing a word or doesn't make the meaning clear of a thought, those little kids will give you some unusual answers. The kids always enjoying trying to eatch teacher with a riddle or puzzle. Or find something that the teacher doesn't know. And how happy a boy or girl is when this has been accomplished.

Each afternoon we had a half hour period called: "Free Time." They would play games or have a lot of fun with puzzles and jokes. Some of these seem at least a century old. Maybe handed down from father to son. Take this one as an example: "What has four wheels and flies?" Every term that one comes up. A boy or girl asks it and when the class "gives-up" the answer generally is: "An airplane." Then some-body wants to know: "But an airplane doesn't have four wheels. Why did you say four wheels?" The reply: "Just to make it harder for you."

Bit this time there was a new twist to the same question. When the class "gave up", the student remarked: "An automobile with a lot of

flies on the top of the car."

Maria came from Mexico and she would tell the students a lot of legends. This particular one, she informed us, was from the Zapotecas. It is called: "Why the Tortoise isn't Pretty."

"Many centuries ago, the Tortoise was the prettiest creature in the land. It should have been happy. And had there been no men who went hunting, then all would have been well. These men all wanted to capture the nice looking Tortoises. And soon there were fewer and fewer of them. It looked as though in a few years there would be none of them all. One afternoon a Magician was sented on a rock. He saw a small Tortoise crying.

"On such a beautiful day, why are you un-

happy?" he asked in a very nice voice.

"We are all being killed and captured," explained the little creature. If we weren't so attractive, then we could go on living and be hap. py like other creatures."

"I can help you," replied the Magician. "First of all, I will change your two eyes. They are nice and small. I will make them very large. And I will change their location on your head. You have a very long tail. That I will shrink. Your shell I will make very large. Your head I will shrink."

And this happened not only to that little Tortoise, but to all that were still alive. And when the hunters along the river bank saw them, they left them alone. And if you see a Tortoise, you too should leave this creature alone. Because my grandfather told me that the Magician is still around. Keeping a sort of eye on the Tortoise.

To help them in case of trouble."

My principal sent for me one morning during my lunch period. He told me that a parent had donated some opera records. It would be very good for the students to have an introductory lesson on operas. He gave me a book with the plots of some of the leading operas. So the next week I began a short lesson on the topic.

"Does anybody know what an opera is?" I

asked my class.

Donald gave the first answer to my question. And all eyes were on him as he spoke.

"An opera is something in a foreign language

so you don't know what is happening.

Next was Francise and she didn't disagree with

Donald. She just gave her interpretation.

"An opera is where somebody gets shot or killed in his back. But you don't see any blood on the stage. Instead he sings and sings. Gee, you would think they should rush him to a hospital for treatment."

Jack must have heard his father complaining.

So he told us this one.

'An opera is something that costs a lot of dough to see. I know my father took my mother. They had to get dressed up in fancy clothing. But I don't understand why he had to read what it was all about."

"I know, I know," shouted Marvin. "It is in something that they call a libretto. You can't

tell an opera without one of them."

Fortunately my principal wasn't in the room, during this lesson. Until next time, and I will, tell you more about what takes place in my classes.

















